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SUBJECT: US/FRG PLANNING TALKS - BARTHOLOMEW RETURN TRAVEL

REF: BEAUDRY-BARTHOLOMEW TELCON OF MARCH 10

1. THIS TELEGRAM WILL CONFIRM THAT S/P DEPUTY DIRECTOR REGINALD BARTHOLOMEW WILL VISIT ROME FOLLOWING MARCH 16-18 US/FRG PLANNING TALKS IN BERLIN/BONN. BARTHOLOMEW IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE ROME FROM BONN/COLOGNE 10:55 LOCAL VIA ALITALIA 437 WHICH DEPARTS BONN 0755. BARTHOLOMEW WILL DEPART ROME 0850 LOCAL MARCH 21 VIA TWA 891 FOR WASHINGTON. TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM AIRPORTS AS WELL AS SINGLE ROOM RESERVATIONS IN A MODERATELY PRICED HOTEL IN ROME WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

2. BARTHOLOMEW WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK TO DCM BEAUDRY AND JOHN DI SCIULLO WHO IS THERE ON TDY. PER REFTELCON, BARTHOLOMEW WOULD APPRECIATE APPOINTMENTS BEING MADE WITH APPROPRIATE ITALIAN OFFICIALS FOR DISCUSSIONS ON CURRENT ITALIAN SCENE, EAST-WEST RELATIONS, EC, NATO AND US-EUROPEAN RELATIONS AND ITALIAN NORTH-SOUTH

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PERCEPTIONS. BARTHOLOMEW WOULD ALSO BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS

SUBJECTS ON OTHER AREAS IF ITALIANS SO DESIRE BUT WOULD APPRECIATE, IF POSSIBLE, BEING INFORMED BEFOREHAND. AS DISCUSSED IN TELCON, BARTHOLOMEW WOULD ALSO HOPE TO SEE SOME NON-GOVERNMENTAL ITALIANS SUCH AS CESARE MERLINI.

3. BARTHOLOMEW VERY MUCH REGRETS SHORT NOTICE BUT FINAL DECISION CONCERNING HIS ONWARD TRAVEL WAS REACHED ONLY SHORTLY BEFORE DEPARTURE. HE FURTHER UNDERSTANDS THE DIFFICULTY EMBASSY MAY HAVE IN MAKING APPOINTMENTS FOR FRIDAY-SATURDAY. BARTHOLOMEW WILL BE IN BERLIN MARCH 16-17 AND BONN MARCH 17-19 AND IF POSSIBLE WOULD APPRECIATE WORD, PRIOR HIS PLANNED DEPARTURE BONN MARCH 19, OF APPOINTMENTS WHICH EMBASSY WAS ABLE TO MAKE. KISSINGER

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